

Cloudy tonight and tomorrow.
Light winds.

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KNOX IS INDORSED, PRESIDENT LAUDED BY PENNSYLVANIANS

State Convention Platform Urges Currency and Tariff Reforms.

Thinks Congress Should Have Control of Interstate Commerce.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 29.—The Pennsylvania Republican convention today instructed the delegates to the national convention, at Chicago, to support Philander C. Knox, United States Senator, for the Presidency; nominated Justice William D. Porter, of Allegheny, to succeed himself on the superior court bench; nominated Morris L. Clothier, of Philadelphia, and R. P. Jones, of Pittsburgh, to be electors-at-large, and elected Governor Stuart, James Elverson, of Philadelphia; Charles A. Hook, of Pittsburgh, and R. P. Hagood, of Bradford, to be delegates to the national convention, and S. A. Kendall, of Somerset; Dr. F. L. Flood, of Titusville, and Henry M. Warren, of Chester, to be alternates.

Senator Langhorne was chairman of the convention, and Col. Wesley R. Andrews was re-elected State chairman. There was no contest over the election of delegates, and the nominations had been prearranged.

Knox and Roosevelt. It was a Knox convention. Every mention of his name was greeted with wild applause, and the chief feature of the platform adopted was an enthusiastic endorsement of his claims to be the standard-bearer of his party this fall.

The platform adopted by the Republican State convention is an exceedingly brief document, in comparison with those of former years. It strongly indorses the national Administration, especially the contents of President Roosevelt that Congress should control interstate commerce. Concerning the tariff, it says:

"The Republican party of Pennsylvania recognizes the general demand for a review by the incoming Congress of tariff legislation, to the end that such modifications may be made therein as will adapt it to the necessities and equitable demands of the present time, and in such manner as will best subserve the real welfare of the American people."

Elastic Currency System. A currency system is advocated that "will permit of more elasticity in times of excessive activities," but will safeguard all "mediums of exchange."

The Panama canal, it is said, is "in a state of crisis," and an appeal made for "more liberal waterways appropriation."

Senator Knox is enthusiastically indorsed for the Presidency, his career being reviewed and praise heaped upon him by President Roosevelt quoted.

Senator Penrose and the entire Pennsylvania Congressional delegation is indorsed, as is the administration of Governor Stuart and the various State departments. The platform closes by advocating increased appropriations for good roads and the State school system.

ROBBERS GET \$18,000 FROM COMPANY'S GUARDS

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., April 29.—Four armed men held up guards who were taking \$18,000 from Welch to Gary, W. Va., to pay off the employees of the United States Coal and Coke Company. There is no clue to the robbers, but a sheriff's posse is scouring the surrounding country.

CARNEGIE GIFT DEDICATED.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 28.—Taylor Hall, the new dormitory at Lehigh University, a \$100,000 gift from Andrew Carnegie, was dedicated today in the presence of a distinguished company. Mr. Carnegie, Charles M. Schwab, James W. Gayney, John Burroughs and other invited guests were present, afterward returning to New York on a special train.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

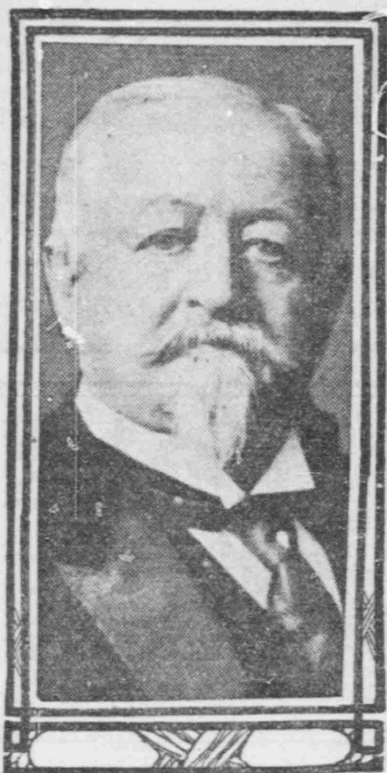
The Western disturbance of Tuesday morning has moved rapidly southward to the Texas coast, attended by snows and rains and much lower temperatures on its northern side. Over the eastern half of the country the weather continues unsettled and showery, except in the South Atlantic States. Temperatures are generally low, the line of freezing temperature this morning extending into the Texas Panhandle. The weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy tonight and Thursday in the East and South, with local showers in the east Gulf States. Local rains are also probable tonight in New York. Temperatures will change but little, except in the east Gulf States, where it will be cooler Thursday. Steamers departing today for European ports will have variable winds, with partly cloudy weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURES.	
9 a. m.	61
10 a. m.	63
11 p. m.	76
12 noon.	65
1 p. m.	68
2 p. m.	72

SUN TABLE.	
Sun rises.	5:06
Sun sets.	6:49

TIDE TABLE.	
High water today.	1:30 p. m.
High water tomorrow.	7:45 a. m., 3:15 p. m.
Low water tomorrow.	1:30 a. m., 2:15 p. m.

DIED TODAY



FREDERIC W. HUIDEKOPER.

F. W. HUIDEKOPER PARALYSIS VICTIM

Washington Railroad Man Dies After Long and Brilliant Career.

Frederic W. Huidekoper, capitalist and railroad magnate, died at his residence, 1614 Eighteenth street northwest, at 4:15 o'clock this morning, after an illness of seven weeks, following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Huidekoper was stricken March 13, and his death was not unexpected. His wife and sons were at his bedside when he died.

Funeral services will be held from the Eighteenth street residence Friday afternoon, and the interment will be made in Oak Hill Cemetery. Services will be held in Mr. Huidekoper's home. Complete arrangements have not been made, owing to the fact that relatives in Chicago have not yet been heard from.

Mr. Huidekoper was born at Potosi, Mo., in 1852. He graduated from Harvard College in 1872 with the degree of A. B., and subsequently received the degree of A. M. in 1875. During 1883 he served as a captain of the Fifty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, and was wounded in the capture of the Confederate raider, Gen. John H. Morgan, at Burlington, N. C., in 1862. He was the father of the late Senator Charles W. Smith.

Mr. Huidekoper's career in the railroad world is unique. He began as president of a road and never occupied any position subordinate to that of first vice president, in which case he was vested with absolute power. In 1877 he became the first president of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company, and in 1881 the president of the Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad, both of which he resigned in 1882 on account of ill-health.

In November, 1883, Mr. Huidekoper came to Washington which has been his residence ever since. In 1884 he was offered the presidency of the Canadian Pacific railway, which he declined in order to accept a position as first vice president of the Richmond and Danville railroad.

In 1887 Mr. Huidekoper became president of the Virginia, Tennessee, and Carolina Steel and Iron Company—now the Interstate Coal and Iron Company—and in 1889 was made the president and receiver of the Pittsburgh, Seneca and Lake Erie railroad, a position which he held until 1891. From 1890 to 1892 he was president of the South Atlantic and Ohio railroad, and built the line from Bristol to Big Stone Gap.

In June, 1892, he and Reuben Foster, of Baltimore, were appointed receivers of the Richmond and Danville railroad, and in the following year he was made receiver of the Georgia Pacific railroad, of which, with the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Columbia and Greenville railroad. At the termination of the receivership in July, 1894, the Richmond and Danville became merged into the system now known as the Southern railway. The Chesapeake and Ohio, the Columbia and Greenville roads were foreclosed late in 1894, and incorporated into the Southern railway, although the receivership did not actually terminate until 1895.

President of C. P. & St. L. In 1896 and 1897 Mr. Huidekoper assumed the presidency of the Chicago, Florida and St. Louis railway, and since 1891 had been the president of the United Land Company of Florida, the successor of the Disston Land Company.

To Mr. Huidekoper Washington is indebted for the location in this city of the main offices of the Richmond and Danville railroad, now a part of the Southern railway. For many years Mr. Huidekoper has also been identified with the opening up and improvement of West Washington, and his efforts have been largely instrumental in securing assistance from Congress for the development of that section of the city. Mr. Huidekoper was a member of the Metropolitan Club, Chevy Chase Club, of Washington, and of the University and Harvard clubs, of New York. He was also a member of the Society of Colonial Governors, of the Society of Colonial Wars in the District of Columbia, of which he held the office of governor in 1891 and 1892, and of the Sons of the American Revolution, of which he was president from 1893 to 1895. He was a member of the Meade Post, of the G. A. R. His widow and two sons, Frederic F. Huidekoper and Reginald S. Huidekoper, survive him.

SELF-STYLED DEVIL MAKES JAIL RING WITH HIS CURSES

Man Who Slew Little Girl in Religious Frenzy, Threatens Jailers.

Two Days of Half Insane Rites End in Murder to Chase Devil.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 29.—Robert Bachman, the wild-eyed fanatic who trampled a five-year-old child to death "to exorcise the devil" from her, after a two days' meeting of the Devil Chasers, of which sect he declares he is God and chief, had whipped himself into a murderous frenzy made the jail ring today with his shouts and imprecations. He threatens to blast his keepers if they do not let him go, and has torn most of the long, shaggy hair from his head and beard, and the clothes from his lean figure, in his transports of rage.

"I am God," he shouted, "and will blast you with my mighty lightnings if you do not let me go. I crushed the devil out of the child. She was full of them, and I chased them from her."

In an adjoining cell, his wife, a poor, wan woman, racked to a bright-eyed skeleton by religious mania, told the authorities her husband was God and that the awful crime of which he was accused was committed in his divine light. The father of the tiny victim, May Irene Smith, and brother of Mrs. Bachman, is rated in Northampton county as a millionaire. He is Councilman Henry Smith, of Alliance, Pa.

Meet at Farm in Hills.

The orgy of the Devil Chasers, which culminated in the terrible death of the little girl, was held at Bachman's farm in the hills near Nazareth, Pa. Smith is a cement manufacturer of Alliance. Until he became a convert to the weird worship of the Devil Chasers, the brother-in-law, Bachman, was a steady-going foreman in his factory.

Bachman became a convert through the missionaries the Devil Chasers sent out on recruiting work through the wider regions of Pennsylvania. The headquarters of the band is said to be in Reading. One of the tenets of their creed is personal exorcism, and the bones of Bachman and his wife are covered with scars and "brands" many of them fresh. Bachman, who, in the early part of his life, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been a constant visitor at Smith's factory, made such an impression on his brother-in-law that Smith Saturday agreed with his wife and five-year-old child, May Irene, to attend a two days' meeting of the sect.

The Devil Chasers, whose rites began late Saturday afternoon under the trees in the back of Bachman's place.

Child Scared by Wild Rites. The low groans of religious frenzy and the sight of men and women half clothed rolling on the ground and shrieking that the devils were passing from their, terrified the child, and she screamed so loudly in her fright that Bachman, enraged at the interruption of his ritual, demanded that she be locked up, where she could not distract attention from the rites of his followers.

Smith and his wife, who, after a few hours seemed to be crazed by their religious convictions, and the child, were promptly locked up. One of the rules of the sect is that no food shall be eaten during the time of the rites. The time the tiny little daughter of the Evansville and Terre Haute railroad, both of which she overcame by terror at the sight of Bachman's wild, lean, dancing figure.

Stop in Mad Dance for Child.

It was not till late on Monday that Mrs. Smith, the mother, seems to have paid any attention to the child. Then the little one's cries became so pitiful and insistent that even the crazed devil exorcisers stopped in their frenzy for a moment to see what ailed her. In a shouting, singing, swirl they walked round the house, crying on their god to cast out the devils they believed possessed the crying child, while Bachman and the Smiths entered the house.

The scene that ensued, as related to the county authorities who reached there a few hours later, by some of the witnesses who followed the Bachmans and the Smiths into the house, is almost incredible. Bachman, clutching a long, ragged staff, he had torn from a tree on the mountain side, was first. As soon as he entered the house he shouted that the devils driven from the walls were in possession of it. "Drive them forth," he shouted, "every last one, drive them forth!"

House Wrecked in Devil Chase.

He picked up a chair and, then shouted that the devil that had crouched beneath it had hidden under a chiffonier. The Smiths and Mrs. Bachman broke the chiffonier to pieces with their bare hands. Then a shout arose that the devil had hidden in Mrs. Bachman. Wringing her bleeding hands, she was driven with curses and blows from the house. Bachman and the Smiths then gave themselves up to their frenzy and demolished everything in the room. As a climax, they broke down the ceiling and smashed windows and doors.

Suddenly, Bachman beckoned to the Smiths and the few timid worshipers who had followed him into the house, and told them they must leave him alone. From behind the locked door of the room where she was confined came the cries of the starving child.

Her Last Terrible Shriek.

According to the story they told the police later, the little group in the wrecked house saw Bachman enter the door and then resumed their rites outside. After about half an hour, however, Mrs. Smith, startled by a terrible cry, declared she must go to her child. A few seconds later her shrieks apprised the half-crazed throng that something serious had happened. They rushed into the house and found the woman and Bachman kneeling beside

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DAUGHTER OF AMBASSADOR REID TO MARRY EQUERRY OF THE KING



MISS JEAN REID.

MRS. COREY PLANS TO BUILD THEATER

Will Produce Operas by Struggling American Composers.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Declaring that she will build a g-fests theater in this city, to produce operas by American composers who have no means of securing a hearing for their work, Mrs. W. E. Corey, formerly Mabelle Gilman, the actress, sailed on the steamship Deutschland with her husband for Paris, where she will study for the operatic stage.

"I am happy in the thought of returning my studies with Jean de Reszke," said Mrs. Corey. "I expect to be at work within a few days after our arrival. I have several roles entirely learned, every word, every measure perfect, to finish with de Reszke, with whom I expect to appear in grand opera this season."

Mrs. Corey then disclosed her intention to have a theater in her own home, as she has in her chateau near Paris. Mrs. Corey said she will engage the best singers available for each production and will appear herself.

MRS. LONGWORTH SAFE; WARRANT IS REFUSED

Congressmen may be immune from arrest while going and coming from the Capitol, but Policemen Morris, of the Sixth district, does not believe this special privilege is enjoyed by their wives, and today he tried to get Mrs. Nicholas Longworth "pinched" for violating the speed law.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Pugh, when asked for a writ of information against the President's daughter, declined because the violation was not a flagrant one.

Mrs. Longworth takes her husband to the Capitol every day in an automobile which she operates. It is said by Bicycle Policemen Morris that she went some miles too fast in the vicinity of the Capitol yesterday, and he was compelled to warn her. Later he thought of getting a warrant, but his efforts were unsuccessful.

RAISULI NOT MURDERED; WAS INJURED SLIGHTLY

TANGIER, April 29.—The report that Raisuli had been assassinated was not true.

Tribesmen ambushed and fired upon him to secure revenge because he did not make a fair division of the MacLean ransom. He was only slightly injured.

MUTINY

Of scores of colored laborers against a handful of white employers on a lonely island is a horrible thing to face. This is what happened not long ago on a little island in the Caribbean sea, and it resulted in murder by the wholesale.

Men were shot down like dogs, and today the ringleaders of the mutiny, who are serving terms in the Federal prison, are pleading for pardons. Read the details of that black day on Navassa Island. It is in the magazine section of next Sunday's Times.



HON. JOHN WARD, Equerry of King Edward, Whose Engagement to the Daughter of Whitelaw Reid Was Announced Today.

WITNESS STRICKEN AFTER TESTIFYING

Woman Called in Land Fraud Case Repudiates Signature.

Within a minute after leaving the witness stand, where he testified in the Hyde-Benson-Diamond-Schneider land fraud case today, H. R. Bartels, an insurance agent of Portland, Ore., was stricken and fell unconscious in a room near the court room.

The trial was suspended temporarily by order of Justice Stafford, who directed the District Attorney to see that the man is cared for. A quick examination showed that the man's heart had almost ceased action and the deathly pallor that overspread his face caused the deputy marshal to fear that he might be dying.

One deputy telephoned the office of the Health Officer to send a physician over to the City Hall as quickly as possible, and another put in a call for an ambulance. The ambulance arrived there in remarkably quick time and one of the Health Officer's assistants came in shortly afterward.

Repudiates Signature. The trial this morning was taken up with the testimony of about half a dozen witnesses regarding applications for public lands to which their names were signed. Fred Wittenstram, of Recca, Ore., testified that he sold his school land rights. Mrs. Lillian York declared that the signature on an application purporting to be hers was a forgery.

Defense Enters Objections. The defense entered a strenuous objection to this testimony, claiming that it was not shown that the defendants had any knowledge of the lands taken by their agents. This was denied by the District Attorney, who asserted that the defendants received reports in a majority of cases showing how the applications were received.

The testimony was admitted by Justice Stafford and an exception was noted by the defendants' attorneys.

H. F. Bartels, the witness who fell unconscious just after he had testified, identified a signature on an application as his, but declared that he could not remember having ever signed it.

WAR VETERAN DROWNED.

SHARON, Pa., April 28.—Hugh D. Moses, aged seventy-six, former post director of Mercer county and adjutant of Sharon Post, No. 254, G. A. R., was drowned in the old canal near Sharon boiler works this morning. He had attempted to cross a small footbridge and lost his balance. Mr. Moses was a member of Company G, Ninth Regiment of 11th

PROHIBITION FIGHT GIVEN HAMMERING BEFORE COMMITTEE

Representative Bartholdt Says Scheme Will Increase Love for Liquor.

Suggests Other Causes for Desertions in Homes of America.

"Prohibition is a devilish device to nail the human family more securely to the cross of King Alcohol."

This was one of the sentences passed today by Representative Richard Bartholdt, of Missouri, who made a long speech before the House District Committee in opposition to the Sims bill for prohibition in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Bartholdt did not mince his words. Fresh from several anti-prohibition arguments before the Judiciary Committee, he was in fine trim, and he proceeded to tell the "professional prohibitionists" what he thought of them. Although some of them "thrive on their agitation," he said, he could not see that they were doing anything but trying to destroy the constitutional liberties of the people.

Others May Investigate.

"If this thing goes on," he said, "if these prohibitionists open the Pandora's box of Government inquiry and prohibition, we may go still further than even they intend. We may investigate whether or not many American homes are deserted because the wives and mothers spend their time on the streets and on the hustings agitating for prohibition. We may try to ascertain whether or not many of the so-called 'temperance drinks' which are consumed by American women in sickening quantities are alcoholic, and do endless harm."

"Outside of insanity, there is only one state of mind which cannot be reached by the force of reason. That state is fanaticism. The pipe dream of these people, however, is bound to be followed by a rude awakening. The realization will surely come that legislation is always a failure in this line."

"We must not forget that prohibition is parasitic in the respectability borrowed from the garments of a church movement. These good people ascribe honor and dignity to the fallings of youth, all our life, all the matrimonial troubles of the world. It is but another indication that we are prone to blame outside things for the weaknesses and faults that are in us."

Most Important Subject.

"Our prohibition friends are willing to spit on the Constitution in order to carry their point. Superficial minds may wonder and flippant tongues may criticize this great committee for refusing to tear down our constitutional liberties without duly considering the matter. But I tell you that you will be called patriots by posterity. This is, as you probably realize, the most important subject now in Congress."

"The professional prohibitionists have corrupted women and children, and they have cracked the whip over State Legislatures. Now they are trying to crack the whip over the Congress of the United States. But this attempt we must regard not as a command, but as a danger signal."

"Above all things, we must remember that prohibition does not succeed in its purpose, and that does nothing but promote lawless drunkenness."

WHAT CONGRESS DID IN THE SENATE.

Senator Gallinger obtained an agreement to have the District child labor bill made the unfinished business and to have it voted upon before adjournment, Wednesday, May 2.

Senator Buchanan, a subcommittee of the Senate District Committee, conducted a hearing on the Gallinger bill to provide for the incorporation of banks in the District of Columbia.

Senator Davis of Arkansas addressed the Senate on his resolution directing the Secretary of the Interior to inform the Senate regarding the withdrawal from allotment of certain Choctaw and Chickasaw lands.

The conferees on the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill held another meeting today.

IN THE HOUSE.

The House heard general debate on the sundry civil bill.

Minority Leader Williams made a speech attacking the Republicans for not taking the tariff out of wood pulp and news print paper.

The select committee continued its hearings on the news print paper situation.

From the Committee on Banking and Currency was reported approving \$1,000,000 for former slaves and their heirs.

Representative Bartholdt of Missouri spoke before the Judiciary Committee against the Littlefield bill restricting interstate traffic in intoxicating liquors.

The Committee on Banking and Currency voted to consider tomorrow the revised form of the Vreeland currency bill.

DEMONSTRATION FEARED AT ANARCHIST'S FUNERAL

NEW YORK, April 29.—The police are much perturbed today as to whether a demonstration will be made at the funeral of Selig Silverstein, the would-be bomb-thrower, who died yesterday. The premature explosion of the bomb cost Silverstein's life.